



# ***Proposed Agreement Reached on Setting Schedules to Clean Up Waste Sites and Facilities Along the Columbia River***

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***The Tri Party Agencies need your input on the high-priority work being done in the 100 Area and the 300 Area.***

**The public comment period on the draft change packages will be held from January 28 through March 14, 2002.**

**Currently, a public meeting is scheduled in Hood River, Oregon on March 6 (Hood River Hotel - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.).**

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The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (USDOE), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) have reached a tentative agreement on cleanup actions along Hanford's section of the Columbia River. These draft agreements set deadlines or milestones for all near-term cleanup actions in the 100 and 300 Areas (see map) for: reactor interim safe storage in the 100 Area and final disposition of surplus facilities in the 300 Area.

## **What we are proposing**

The four draft change packages have been issued and propose the following:

- Setting December 2012 as the date for completion of all near-term cleanup for the 100 Area. These change packages include cleanup of over 400 soil waste sites contaminated with radioactive and other hazardous chemicals.
- Completing all reactor interim safe storage activities for eight of the nine reactors, currently not including B Reactor, by December 2012.
- Setting September 2018 as the deadline for completion of all near-term cleanup in the 300 Area. These changes include cleanup of 13 structures and 18 soil waste sites by December 2012, and an additional 135 structures and 36 soil waste sites (including the 618-10 and 618-11 burial grounds) by September 2018.

- Completing the final disposition of surplus facilities in the 300 Area by September 2018. Some facilities in the 300 Area are part of the Hanford Site infrastructure and will remain in use after 2018.

These actions will also result in removing source materials that pose a current and long-term threat to the groundwater and the Columbia River. The Tri-Party Agencies will make additional groundwater decisions in the future.

In addition to the proposed changes to the Tri-Party Agreement milestones, the agencies agreed that the following commitments would be included in the 100 Area and 300 Area Remedial/Removal Action Work Plans:

- Making a decision on final configuration of the B Reactor and submitting that recommendation to the EPA by September 2005.
- Submitting the 100 B/C Area risk assessment pilot study to the EPA and Ecology by July 2005. This study will be a multi-year effort and will lay the foundation for risk assessments to support the final Records of Decision for the river corridor.
- Submitting a schedule to complete all analyses that will be used to support final cleanup decisions for the 100 and 300 Areas.

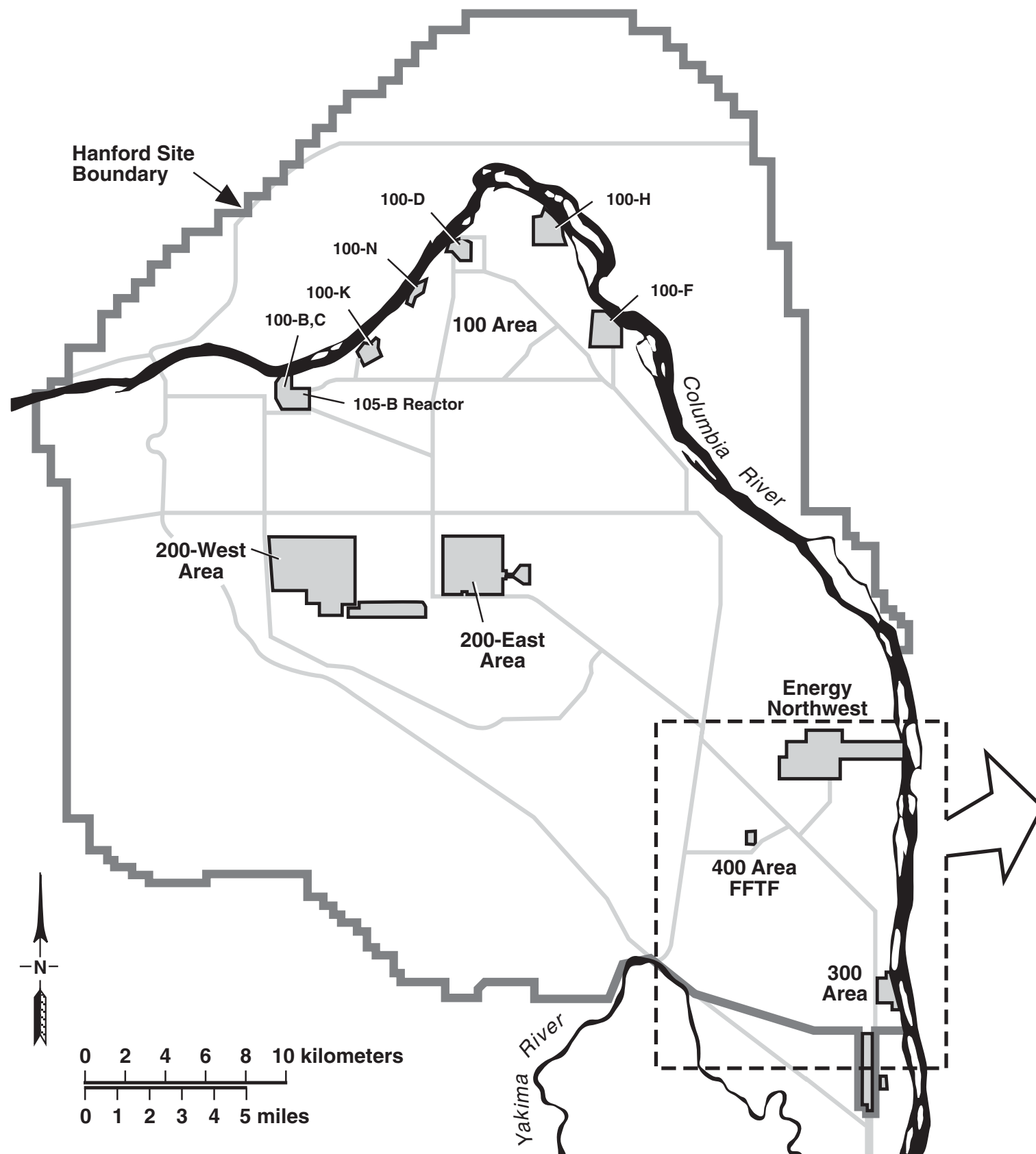


Figure 1. Hanford Site Map.

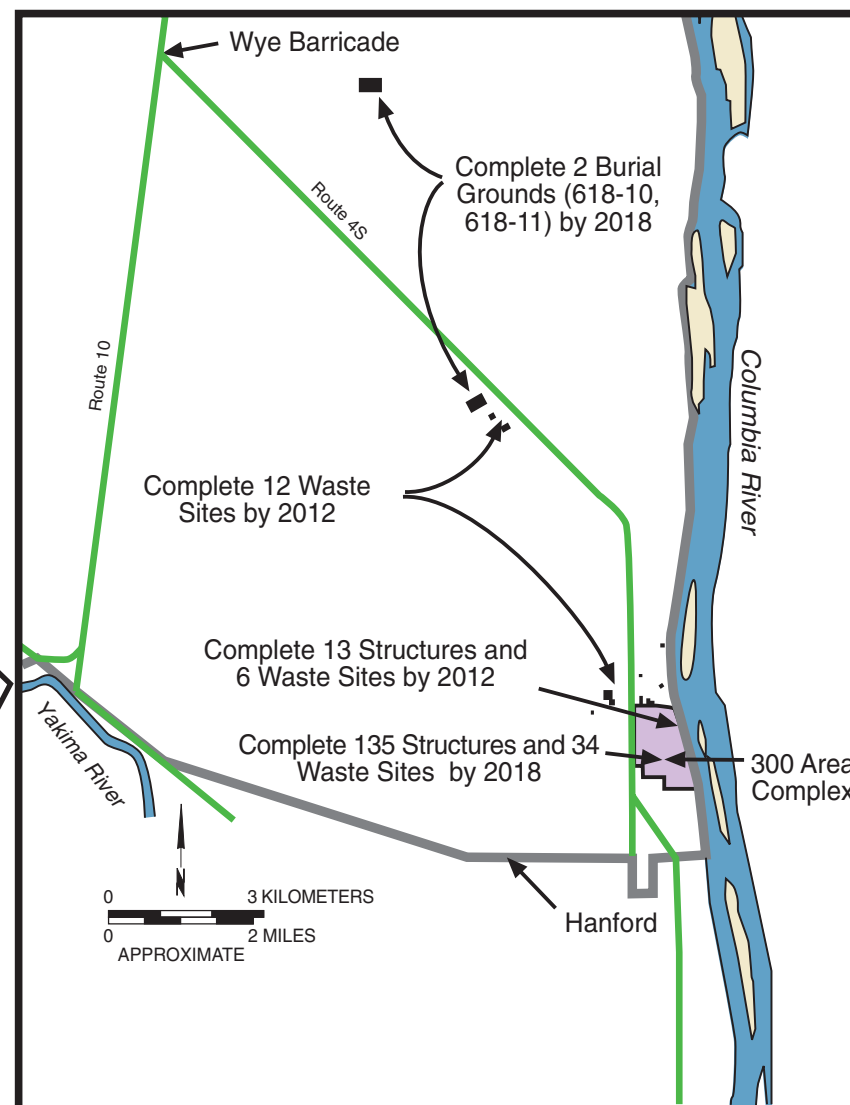


Figure 2. 300 Area Cleanup.

## How you can become involved

The proposed changes to the Tri-Party Agreement may be reviewed at the Hanford Information Repositories listed below and on the web site at [www.hanford.gov/tpa/changelist.htm](http://www.hanford.gov/tpa/changelist.htm). The Tri-Party Agencies will consider all public comments before the proposed changes are made. The agencies will send a comment and response summary to all individuals who provide comments or request a copy of the summary, and will place it in the Hanford Information Repositories and on the web site.

To request a meeting in your area, contact Dennis Faulk, EPA, at (509) 376-8631. All requests will be considered by the Tri-Party Agencies.

### To submit comments or request a copy of the change packages, please contact:

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The change packages are also available on our web site at [www.hanford.gov/tpa/changelist.htm](http://www.hanford.gov/tpa/changelist.htm)

### Hanford Public Information Repository Locations

#### **Portland**

Portland State University  
Branford Price and Millar Library  
934 SW Harrison  
Attn: Michael Bowman (503) 725-3690

#### **Richland**

U.S. Department of Energy Public Reading Room  
Washington State University, Tri-Cities  
Consolidated Information Center, Room 101-L  
2770 University Drive  
Attn: Terri Traub (509) 372-7443

#### **Seattle**

University of Washington  
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Government Publications Division  
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